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So the Journal was approved.

¶71.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

3756. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting annual enforcement report of the Federal Housing Finance Board, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1422a; to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.

3757. A letter from the Director, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the semiannual report of activities of the inspector general covering the period October 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, and management report for the same period, pursuant to Public Law 95-452, section 5(b) (102 Stat. 2526); to the Committee on Government Operations.

3758. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the biological study of the striped bass fishery resources and habitats of the Albermarle Sound-Roanoke River basin area, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1851 note; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

3759. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 5, United States Code, to encourage the

voluntary separation of civilian employees of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

3760. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a copy of a proclamation that extends nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of Albania; also enclosed is the text of the "Agreement on Trade Relations Between the Government of the United States of America and the Republic of Albania," which was signed on May 14, 1992, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2437(a) (H. Doc. No. 102–346); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

3761. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his determination that Syria no longer meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the GSP law (H. Doc. No. 102–345); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

3762. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the second and third annual report of the Federated States of Micronesia on the use and expenditure of funds made available under the Compact of Free Association, pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1681 note; jointly, to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Foreign Affairs.

¶71.4 COMMITTEE TO SIT

On motion of Mr. SWIFT, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Energy and Commerce was granted permission to sit today during the 5-minute rule.

¶71.5 SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. McNULTY, announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 203 of House Resolution 51, 102d Congress, the Speaker did appoint to the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, Mr. FAWELL, to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

¶71.6 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF S. 250

Mr. WHEAT, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 480):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (S. 250) to establish national voter registration procedures for Federal elections, and for other purposes, and the first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. After general debate, which shall be confined to the bill and which shall not exceed one hour to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration, the bill shall be considered as having been read under the fiveminute rule. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Said amendment shall be considered as having been read, shall be debatable for not to exceed one hour, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and a member opposed thereto. Said amendment shall not be subject to amendment. At the conclusion of the consideration of the bill for amendment, the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House, and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions.

Pending consideration of said resolution,

¶71.7 POINT OF ORDER

Mr. SOLOMON made a point of order against the consideration of the resolution, and said:

"Mr. Speaker, let me say at the outset that I regret that it is even necessary to raise this point of order. As you will recall, in January of last year I presented you, Mr. Speaker, with a 48-page paper documenting the precedents and history behind the rules which guarantee to the minority the right to offer a motion to recommit a bill of its choosing—including one with instructions.

"Then last June we sat down in your office with the Republican leader, the majority leader, and the Rules Committee chairman, and myself, and it was agreed that the Rules Committee would further look into our complaints about being denied our right to offer recommittal instructions on certain bills.

"The Rules Committee's Subcommittee on Rules of the House finally did hold a hearing on May 6 of this year, but no report has yet been issued as a result of that hearing and study.

"As the Speaker well knows, the whole purpose of the Rules Committee study of this controversy was to attempt to reach some kind of accommodation between the majority and minority over the issue of restricting our right to recommit bills.

"I am certain the Speaker did not have in mind that a hearing alone, without any subsequent effort to solve this problem, would suffice, and I know that. A hearing alone does not constitute a good-faith effort to reach accommodation.

"Having said all that, Mr. Speaker, permit me once again to make the case for this point of order. The rule before us allows for one motion to recommit but goes on to say that the motion 'may not contain instructions.'

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"Mr. Speaker, again I have to repeat, clause 4(b) of House rule XI provides that the Rules Committee 'shall not report any rule or order * * * which would prevent the motion to recommit from being made as provided in clause 4 of rule XVI."

"And clause 4 of rule XVI, at the relevant part, states that:

"After the previous question shall have been ordered on the passage of a bill or joint resolution one motion to recommit shall be in order and the Speaker shall give preference in recognition to a Member who is opposed to the bill or joint resolution.

"Mr. Speaker, it can hardly be argued that by denying any instructions in a motion to recommit, the right of